


Application no. 09/608,293  
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### **REMARKS**

This Amendment is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 21-26 will be pending in the application. By this paper, claim 1 has been amended to distinguish the invention defined by this claim over the cited references. New claims 21-26 have been added. Claims 8-20 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of claims 1, 2 and 5-7 and 21-26 in light of the amendments herein is respectfully requested.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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